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March 17, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, HAUGHTON
FIELD, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Haughton Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To redefine the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Haughton Field as being the stratigraphic equivalent of the gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 8,100 feet and 10,300 feet in the Samson Contour Energy E&P, L.L.C.--USA No. 20 Well, located in Section 30, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.
2. To confirm and continue in force and effect the unit designated CV RA SUA, created by Office of Conservation Order No. 956-A, effective April 26, 2005, and being shown on the attached plat, as a drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, as redefined herein.
3. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to continue in full force and effect the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 956-A, effective April 26, 2005.
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Haughton Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is currently defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 956-A, effective April 26, 2005.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent

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data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

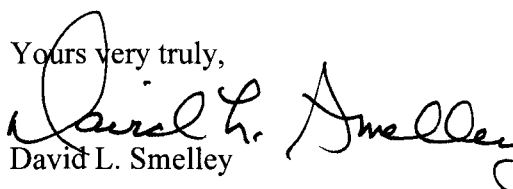
By letter dated March 6, 2006, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set March 31, 2006, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of said letter; therefore, no pre-application conference will be held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Haughton Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

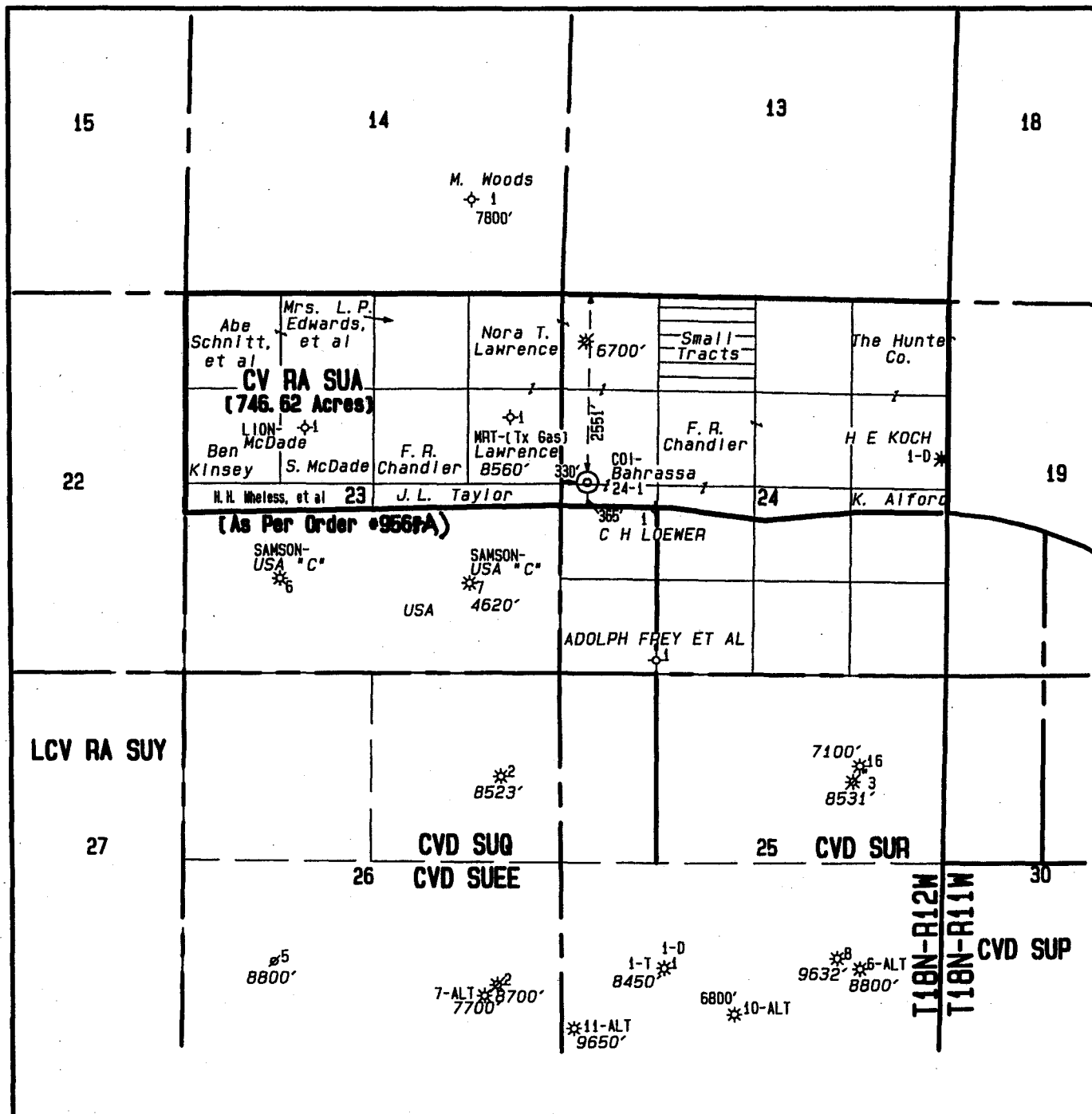
Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Les Rodman (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

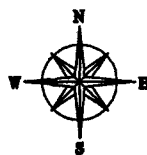


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⊙ DENOTES PROPOSED UNIT WELL



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**WELLS LESS THAN 6000' ARE NOT SHOWN

Docket No. 06- Exhibit 1

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING INC.

Haughton Field

Bossier Parish, Louisiana

COTTON VALLEY ZONE

WITNESS: JOE B. ADAMS
 DATE: